

## COMMANDER IN CHIEF ALLIED FORCES SOUTHERN EUROPE

Dear Lobar,

28 FEB 1977

Thank you for your thoughtful letter on my new assignment. I am excited at the new challenge in prospect, although I sincerely regret relinquishing my Southern Region command with so many problems still remaining to be solved. I take consolation in the fact that in my new post I will continue to serve the cause of NATO and the right of free men everywhere to remain free.

I am sorry that our hoped for visit must now be deferred to another time and setting, but I look forward to the occasion whenever it may be possible.

With very best wishes and, again, my thanks.

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## Dear admiral

I should have replied earlier to your kind letter of 18 January, for which many thanks; but events move fast and now I am in a position to offer my own best wishes.

Please accept my warmest congratulations and the very best of good fortune for your future task as Director C. I. A.

While we cannot afford to lose a commander of your calibre, energy, profound knowledge and insight, we all know that the hot seat of national security responsibility which you will next occupy, will be in the hands of no better man.

Even though I have not had the opportunity of taking up your kind offer of visiting you, I sincerely hope we will be able to meet again in the not too distant future.

Again my congratulations and best wishes.

If of 18 gan advised that CMC would visit thaps on 9 F6B (OBE) and extended invitation to Hen Domnese to visit AFSOUTH (also OBE).

Admiral Stansfi Commander in Allied Forces S Naples, Italy

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